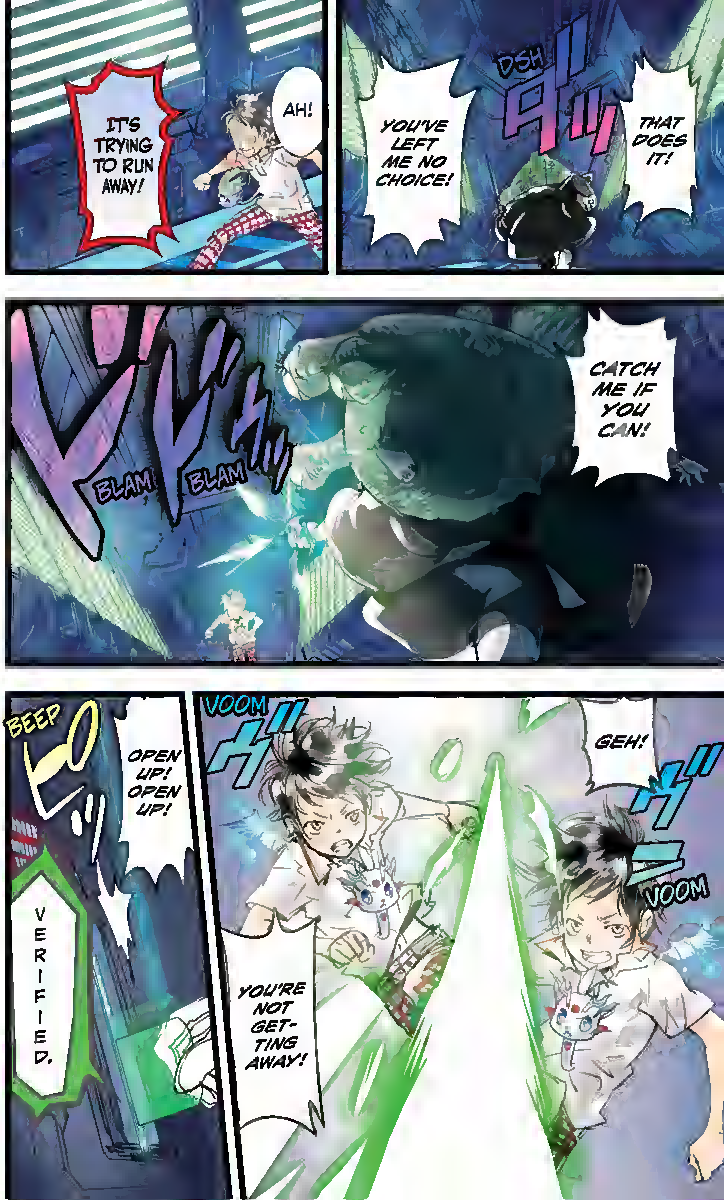
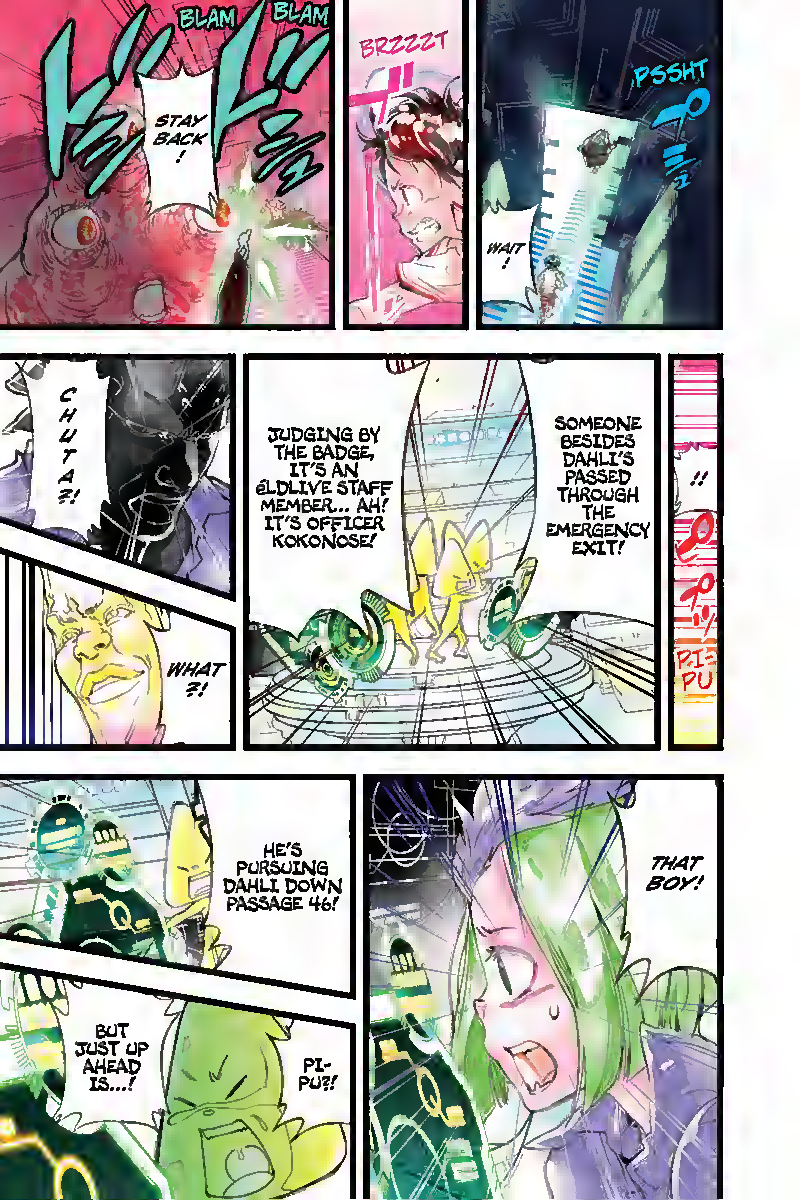
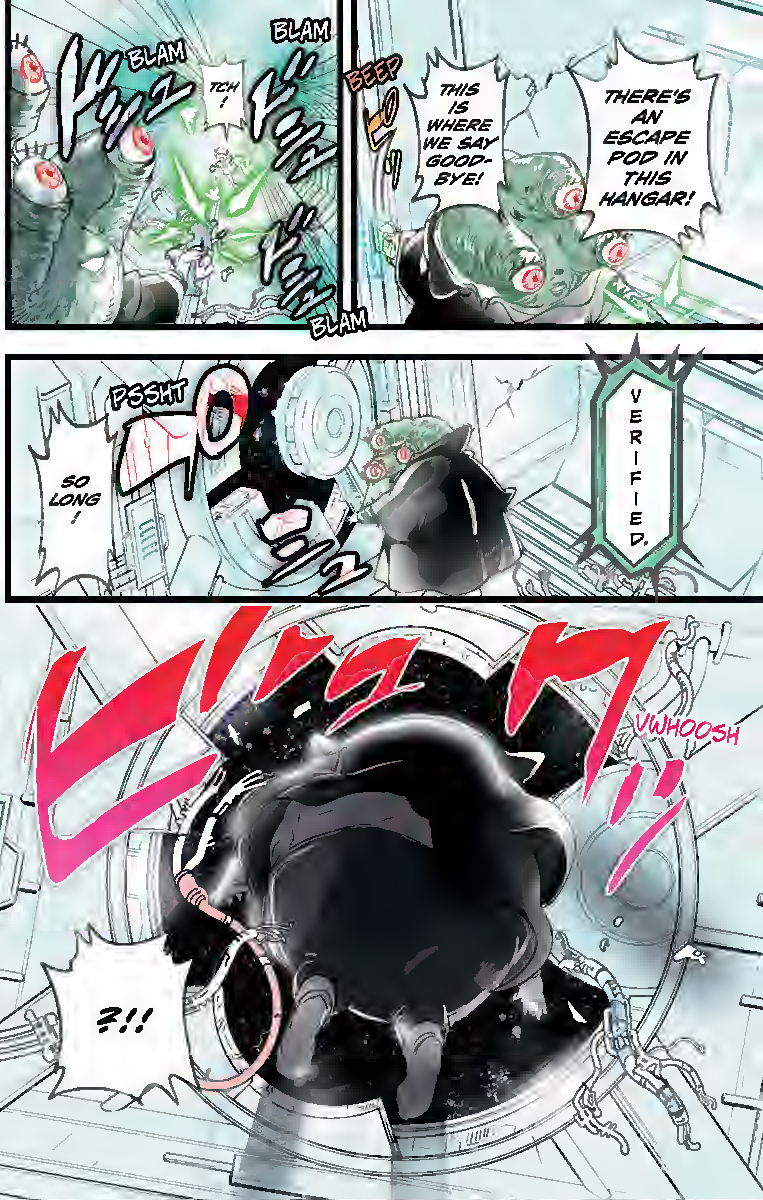
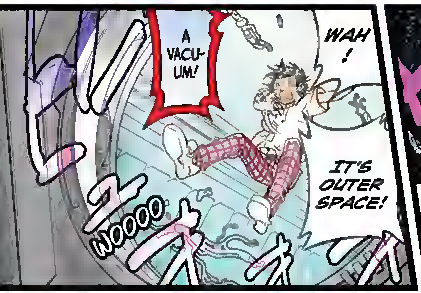
VOOM
CRO-CHET STITCH !
I'VE COME TOO FAR TO GIVE UP NOW!
WHAT ?!
BSSHT
CRAP !
MY SPH IS NO MATCH!
ZAP
ARGH !!

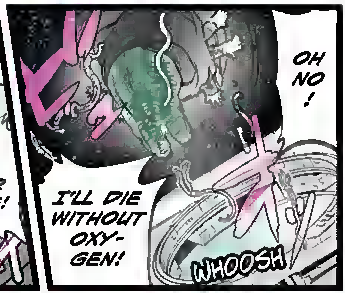

IT'S TRYING TO RUN AWAY!
AH!
YOU'VE LEFT ME NO CHOICE!
DEH
THAT DOES IT!
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
BLAM
BLAM
BEEP
OPEN UP! OPEN UP!
VERIFIED.
VOOM
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!
GEH!
VOOM


BLAM
BLAM
STAY BACK!
BRZZZT
PSSHT
WAIT!
CHUTA?!
WHAT?!
JUDGING BY THE BADGE, IT'S AN ELDLIVE STAFF MEMBER... AH! IT'S OFFICER KOKONOSE!
SOMEONE BESIDES DAHLI'S PASSED THROUGH THE EMERGENCY EXIT!
!!
PI-PU
HE'S PURSUING DAHLI DOWN PASSAGE 46!
BUT JUST UP AHEAD IS...!
PI-PU?!
THAT BOY!

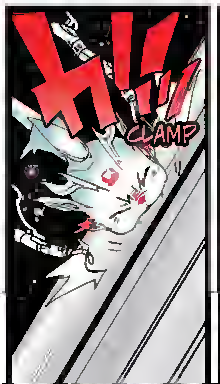

BLAM
BLAM
TCH!
BLAM
BEEP
THIS IS WHERE WE SAY GOOD-BYE!
THERE'S AN ESCAPE POD IN THIS HANGAR!
PSSHT
SO LONG!
VERIFIED.
VWHOOSH
?!!

I'M OUT-SIDE?!


A VACU-UM!
WAH!
IT'S OUTER SPACE!
WOOOO


OH NO!
I'LL DIE WITHOUT OXY-GEN!
WHOOSH

WAAAAH!
WHOOSH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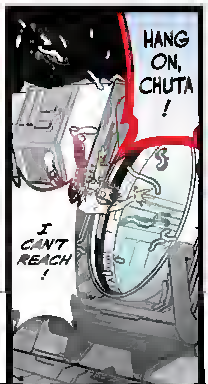
HANG ON, CHUTA!
I CAN'T REACH!

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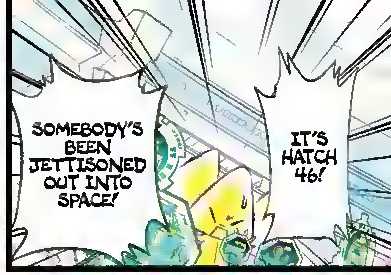
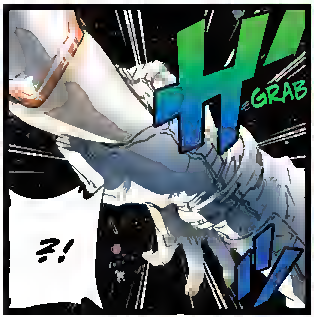
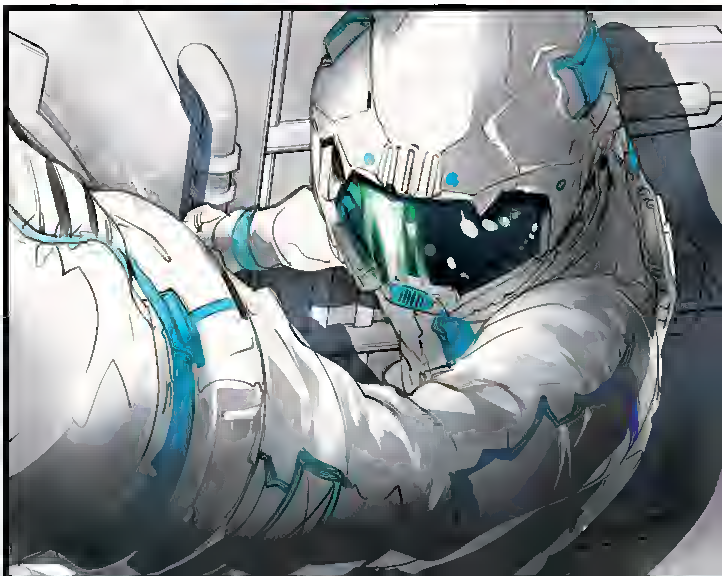
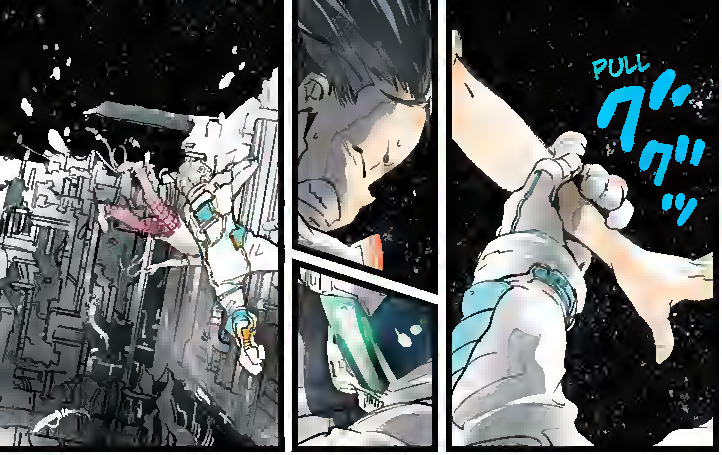

SOMEBODY'S BEEN JETTISONED OUT INTO SPACE!
IT'S HATCH 46!


GRAB
?!

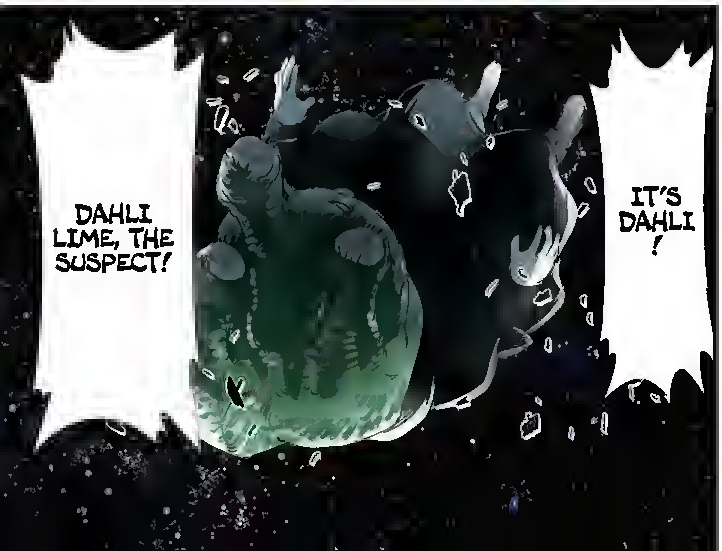
SNAP
AH!

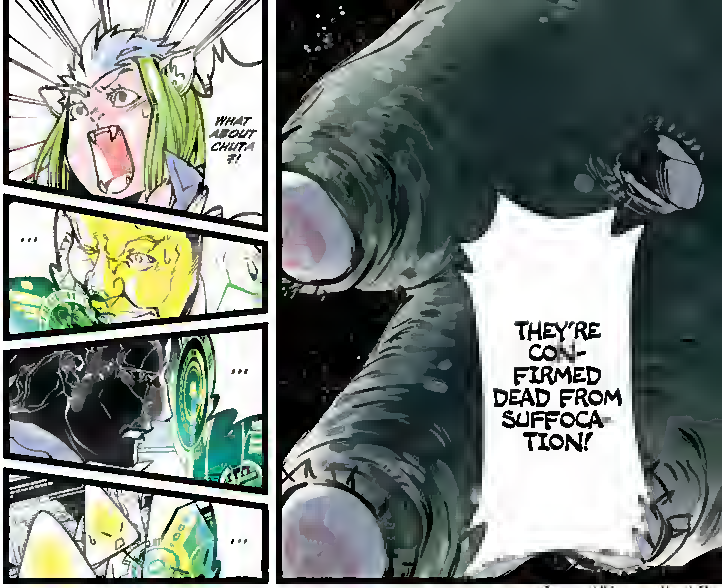
DON'T GIVE UP, DREW!

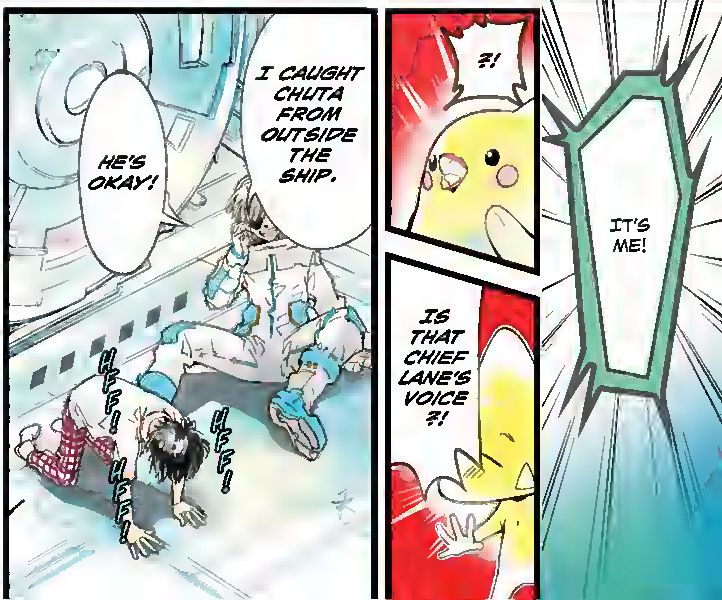


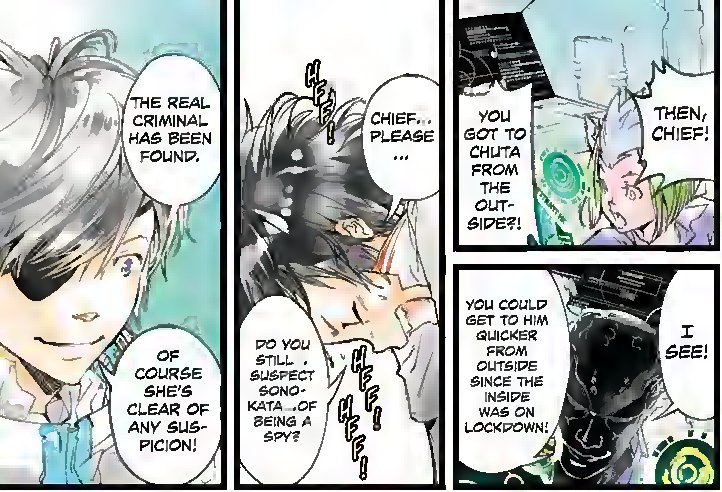

PULL
グッ

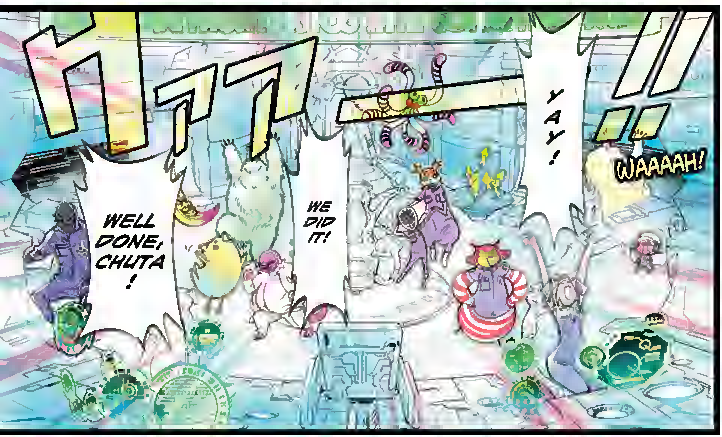
...HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED!
THE ONE JETTISONED FROM THE HATCH...

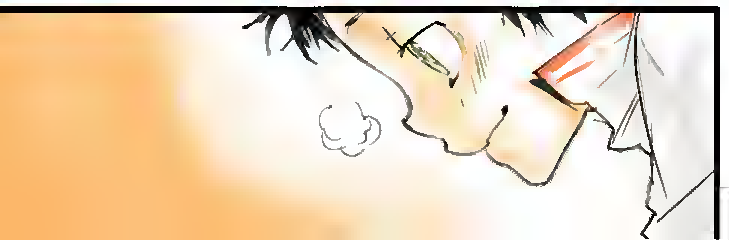

DAHLI LIME, THE SUSPECT!
IT'S DAHLI!

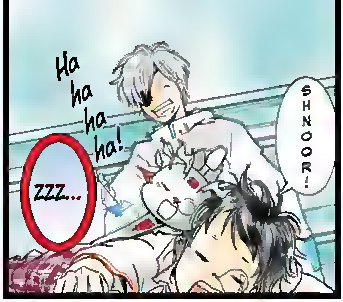

WHAT ABOUT CHUTA?!
...
...
...
THEY'RE CONFIRMED DEAD FROM SUFFOCATION!

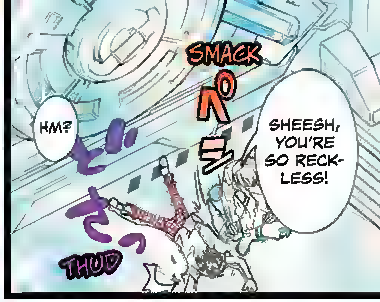

I CAUGHT CHUTA FROM OUTSIDE THE SHIP.
HE'S OKAY!
HEE! HEE! HEE!
?!
IS THAT CHIEF LANE'S VOICE?!
IT'S ME!

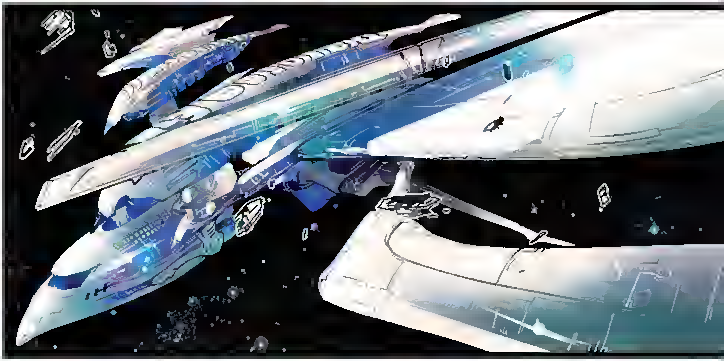

THE REAL CRIMINAL HAS BEEN FOUND.
OF COURSE SHE'S CLEAR OF ANY SUSPICION!
HEE!
CHIEF... PLEASE ...
DO YOU STILL SUSPECT SONOKATA ...OF BEING A SPY?
HEE!
HEE!
YOU GOT TO CHUTA FROM THE OUTSIDE?!
THEN, CHIEF!
YOU COULD GET TO HIM QUICKER FROM OUTSIDE SINCE THE INSIDE WAS ON LOCKDOWN!
I SEE!

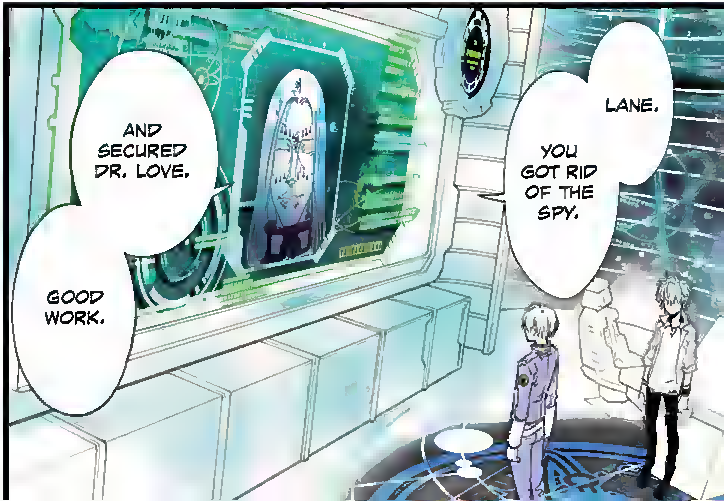

WELL DONE, CHUTA!
WE DID IT!
YAY!
WAAAAH!

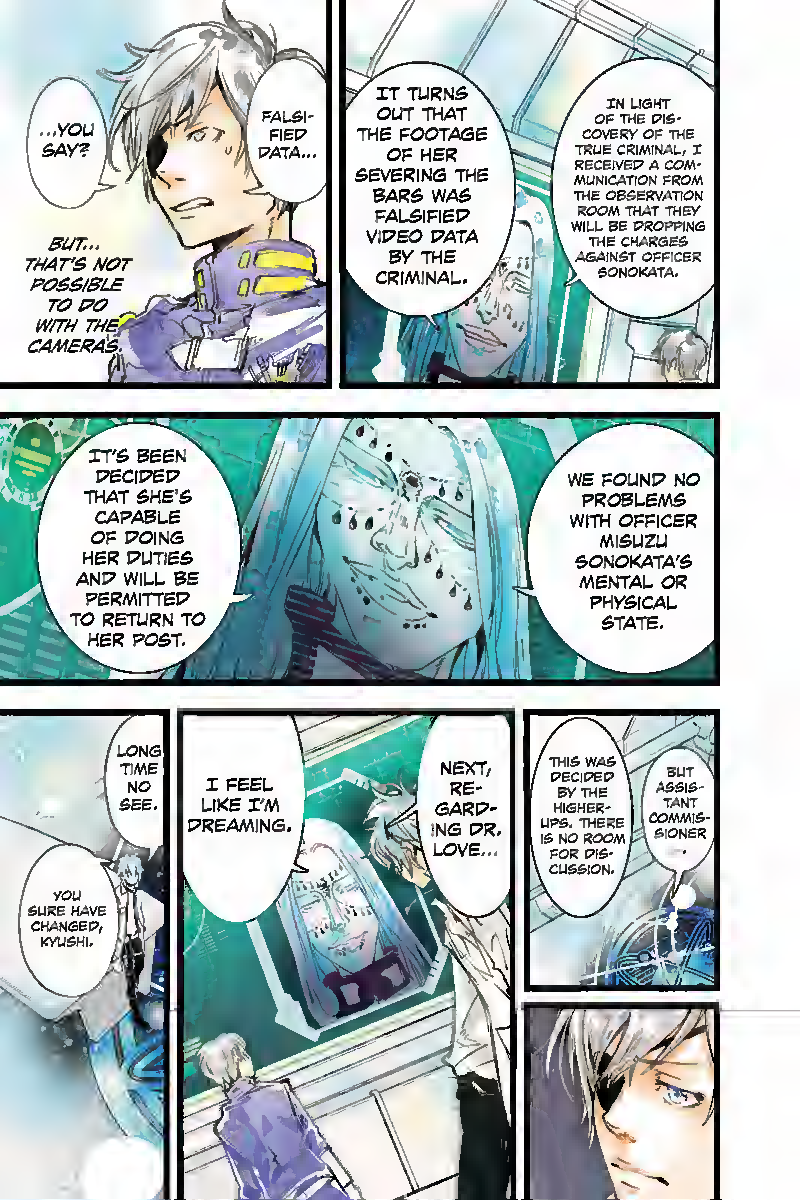


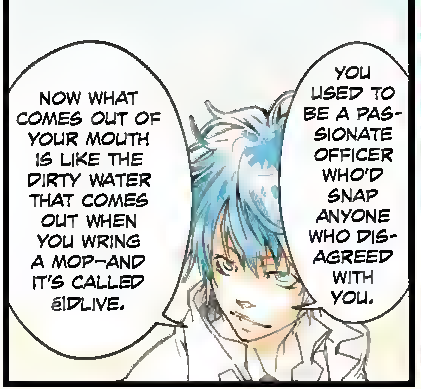

Ha ha ha ha!
ZZZ...
SHNOOR!

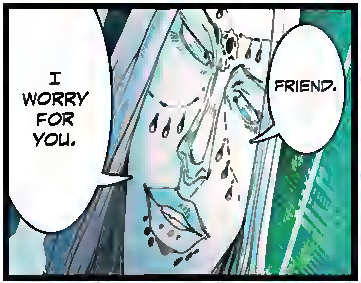

SMACK
HM?
SHEESH, YOU'RE SO RECK-LESS!
THUD

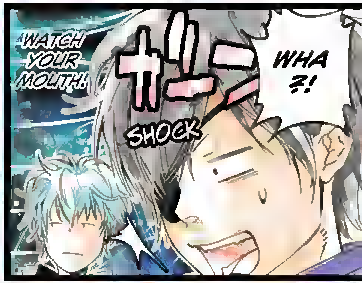


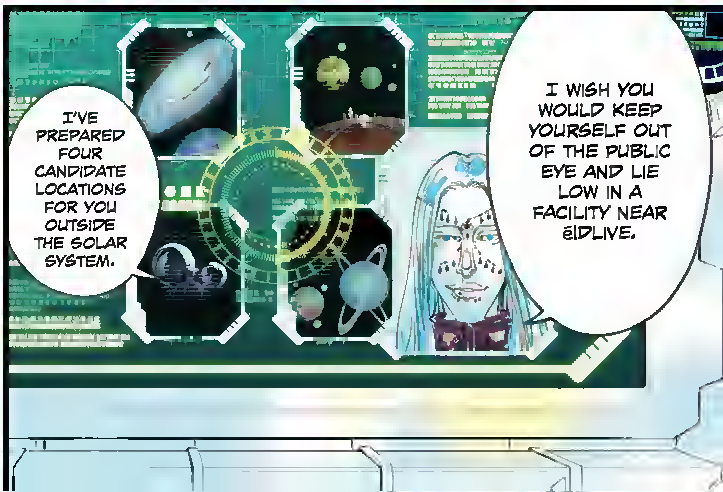

LANE.
YOU GOT RID OF THE SPY.
AND SECURED DR. LOVE.
GOOD WORK.


...YOU SAY?
FALSIFIED DATA...
BUT... THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO DO WITH THE CAMERAS.
IT TURNS OUT THAT THE FOOTAGE OF HER SEVERING THE BARS WAS FALSIFIED VIDEO DATA BY THE CRIMINAL.
IN LIGHT OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE TRUE CRIMINAL, I RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OBSERVATION ROOM THAT THEY WILL BE DROPPING THE CHARGES AGAINST OFFICER SONOKATA.
IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT SHE'S CAPABLE OF DOING HER DUTIES AND WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO HER POST.
WE FOUND NO PROBLEMS WITH OFFICER MISUZU SONOKATA'S MENTAL OR PHYSICAL STATE.
LONG TIME NO SEE.
YOU SURE HAVE CHANGED, KYUSHI.
I FEEL LIKE I'M DREAMING.
NEXT, REGARDING DR. LOVE...
THIS WAS DECIDED BY THE HIGHER-UPS. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DISCUSSION.
BUT ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

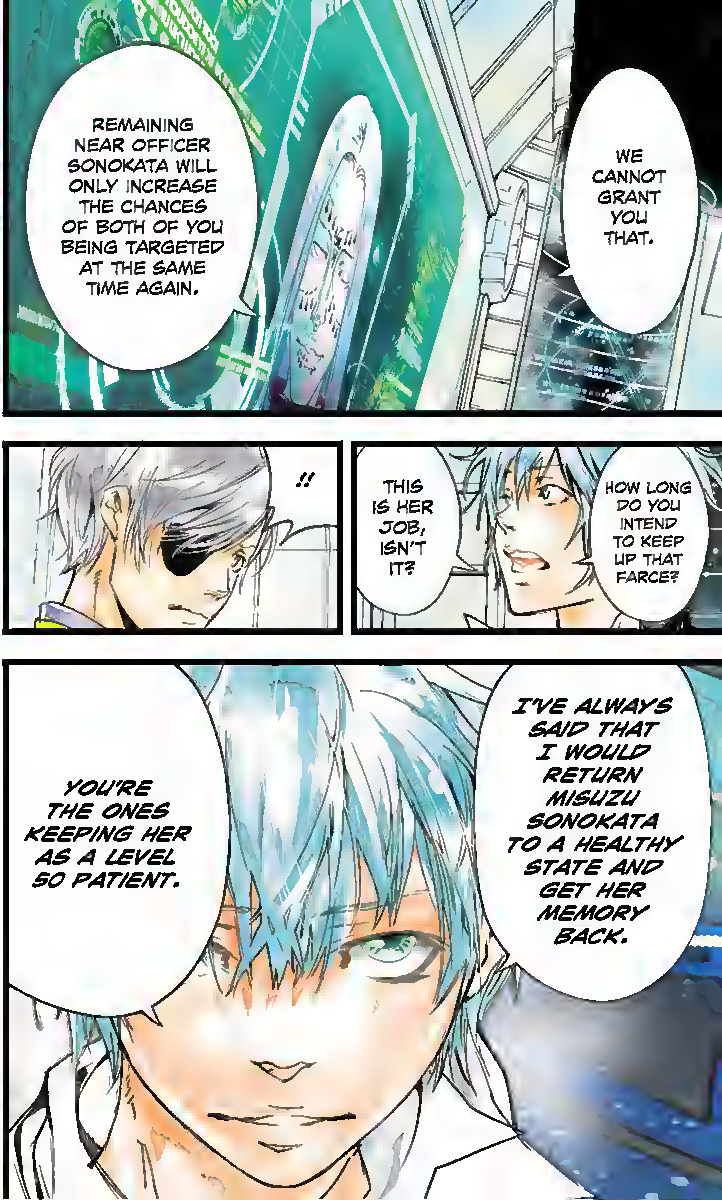

NOW WHAT COMES OUT OF YOUR MOUTH IS LIKE THE DIRTY WATER THAT COMES OUT WHEN YOU WRING A MOP—AND IT'S CALLED ëIDLIVE.
YOU USED TO BE A PASSIONATE OFFICER WHO'D SNAP ANYONE WHO DISAGREED WITH YOU.
NOT AS MUCH AS YOU.
NO. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S CHANGED.


I WORRY FOR YOU.
FRIEND.

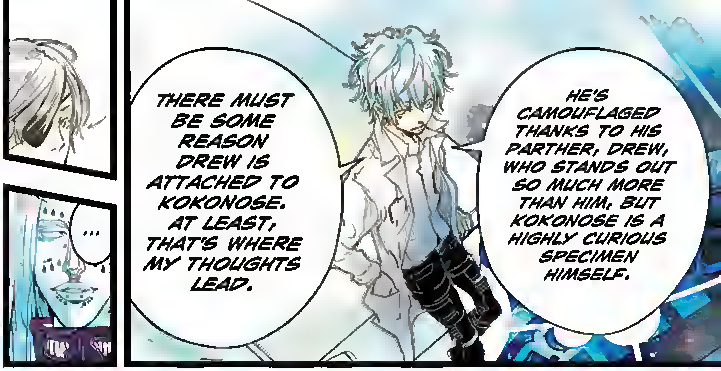

WATCH YOUR MOUTH.
ガーン
SHOCK
WHA ?!

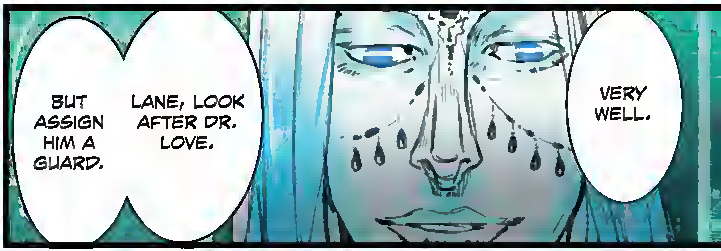

I'VE PREPARED FOUR CANDIDATE LOCATIONS FOR YOU OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM.
I WISH YOU WOULD KEEP YOURSELF OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE AND LIE LOW IN A FACILITY NEAR ëIDLIVE.

OH BOY.
HMMM.
YOU KNOW TOO MUCH.
HOW DISMAL.
YOU HOPING TO LOCK THIS OLD BAG OF BONES UP ON ANOTHER BORING PLANET?
?!
THEN I'D RATHER STAY HERE.
ORGANISMS LIKE MONITALIENS AND TEST SUBJECTS OF MY OWN PROJECTS.
THERE ARE MANY SUBJECTS ON THIS SPACE STATION THAT I FIND MOST FASCINATING.

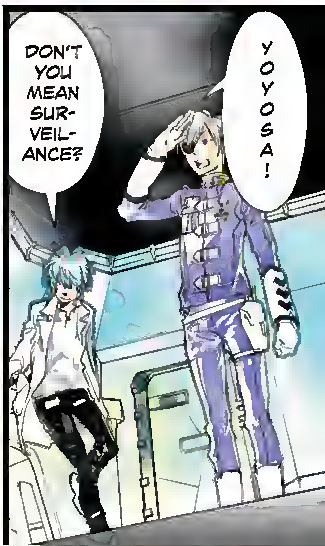

REMAINING NEAR OFFICER SONOKATA WILL ONLY INCREASE THE CHANCES OF BOTH OF YOU BEING TARGETED AT THE SAME TIME AGAIN.
WE CANNOT GRANT YOU THAT.
!!
THIS IS HER JOB, ISN'T IT?
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP UP THAT FARCE?
YOU'RE THE ONES KEEPING HER AS A LEVEL SO PATIENT.
I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT I WOULD RETURN MISUZU SONOKATA TO A HEALTHY STATE AND GET HER MEMORY BACK.

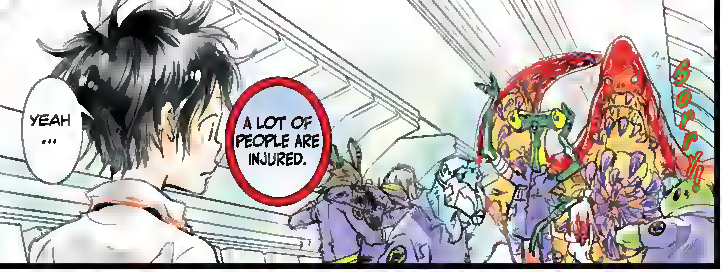
ëIDLIVE ONLY ACTS WITH THE INTENTION OF MAINTAINING COSMIC PEACE.
THIS IS NOT OUR OWN DECISION— IT'S MOTHERS'.
I KNOW HER BODY BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
I DON'T MEAN TO DEFY MOTHERS. I'M JUST VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE AS A SAFETY VALVE.
CHUTA IS?
?!
...IS HAVING A SERIOUS EFFECT ON MISUZU SONOKATA'S PHYSICAL CONDITION.
FOR EX-AMPLE, I DOUBT YOU REALIZE THAT CHUTA KOKONOSE'S VERY PRES-ENCE...

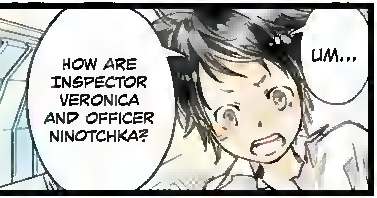

...
THERE MUST BE SOME REASON DREW IS ATTACHED TO KOKONOSE. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHERE MY THOUGHTS LEAD.
HE'S CAMOUFLAGED THANKS TO HIS PARTNER, DREW, WHO STANDS OUT SO MUCH MORE THAN HIM. BUT KOKONOSE IS A HIGHLY CURIOUS SPECIMEN HIMSELF.

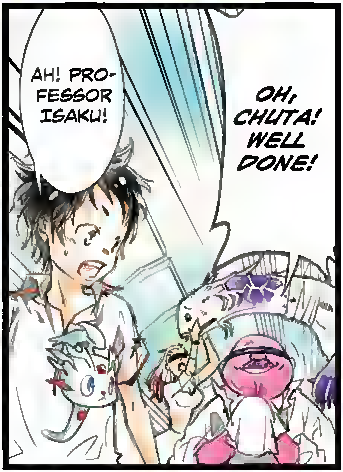

VERY WELL.
LANE, LOOK AFTER DR. LOVE.
BUT ASSIGN HIM A GUARD.

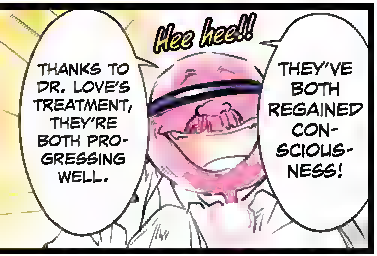
#11
MURMUR
Let us through!
#10
#7
MURMUR

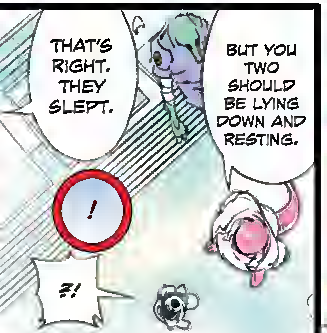

YOYOSA!
DON'T YOU MEAN SUR-VEIL-ANCE?

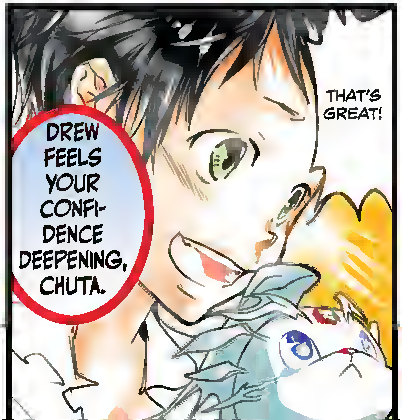

YEAH ...
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE INJURED.
ROAR!!


HOW ARE INSPECTOR VERONICA AND OFFICER NINOTCHKA?
UM...

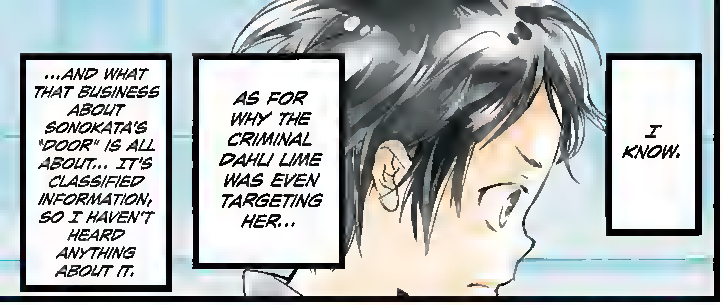

AH! PROFESSOR ISAKU!
OH, CHUTA! WELL DONE!

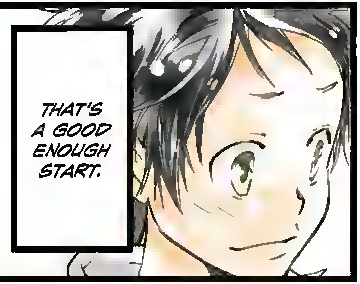

THANKS TO DR. LOVE'S TREATMENT, THEY'RE BOTH PROGRESSING WELL.
Hee hee!!
THEY'VE BOTH REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!

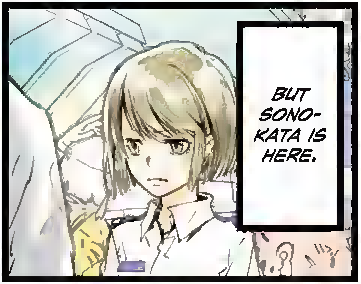

THAT'S RIGHT. THEY SLEPT.
BUT YOU TWO SHOULD BE LYING DOWN AND RESTING.
!
?!

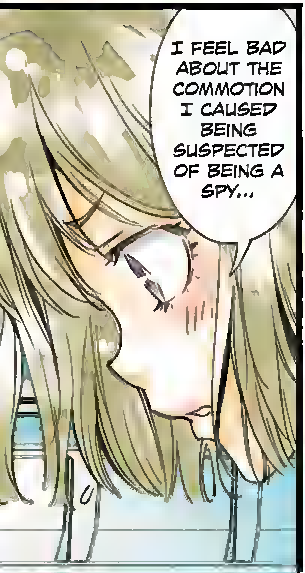

DREW FEELS YOUR CONFIDENCE DEEPENING, CHUTA.
THAT'S GREAT!

I HAVE THINGS TO DO, SO I'LL BE GOING! ♪
AS YOU CAN SEE, MISUZU'S BACK TO HER OLD SELF!
Nee hee!
CHUTA, BE CAREFUL.
MISUZU DOESN'T KNOW THAT SHE'S A TEST SUBJECT OF THE TAKLAMAK PROJECT.
SHE IS ALSO UNAWARE SHE WAS TARGETED BY A CRIMINAL HERSELF.
SONO-KATA!

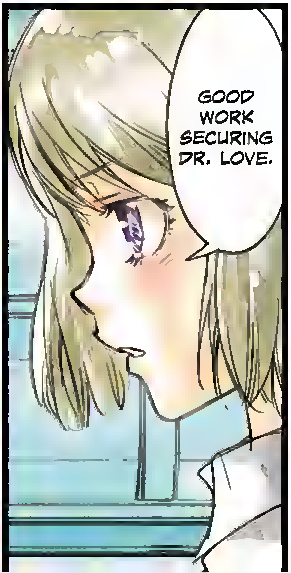

I KNOW.
AS FOR WHY THE CRIMINAL DAHLI LIME WAS EVEN TARGETING HER..
...AND WHAT THAT BUSINESS ABOUT SONOKATA'S "DOOR" IS ALL ABOUT... IT'S CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, SO I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

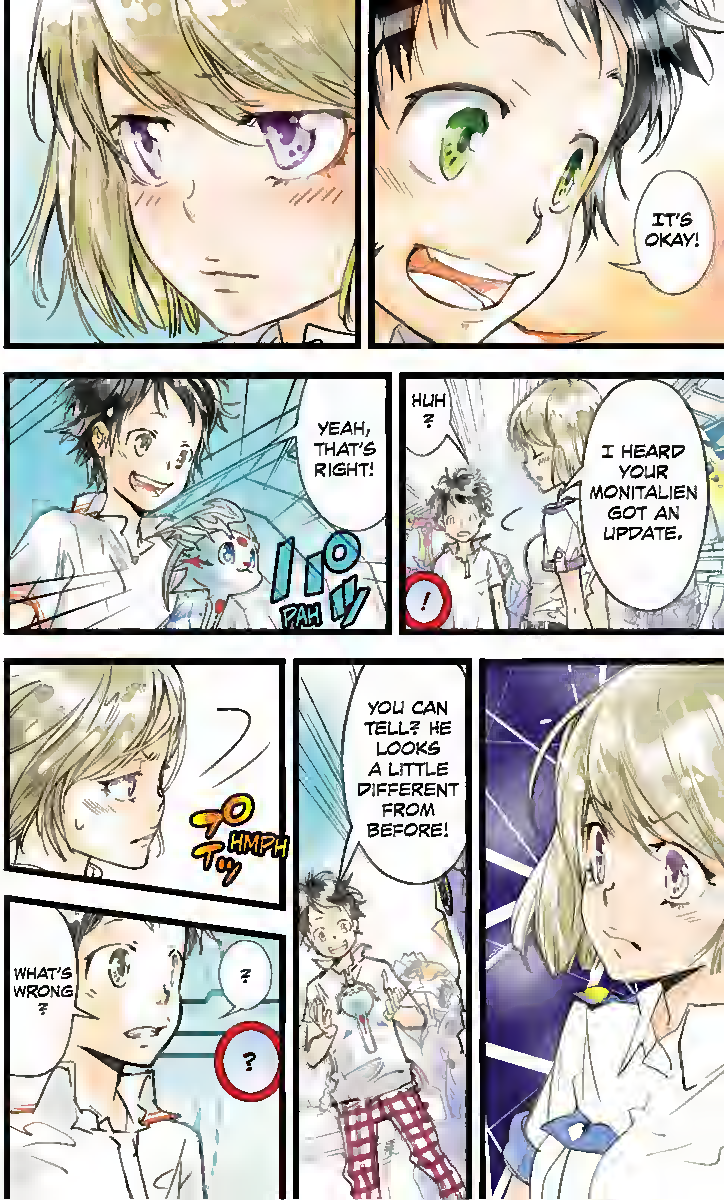

THAT'S A GOOD ENOUGH START.


BUT SONO-KATA IS HERE.


I FEEL BAD ABOUT THE COMMOTION I CAUSED BEING SUSPECTED OF BEING A SPY...

RIGHT.


GOOD WORK SECURING DR. LOVE.


IT'S OKAY!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
PAH
HUH?
I HEARD YOUR MONITALIEN GOT AN UPDATE.
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HMPH
YOU CAN TELL? HE LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!
WHAT'S WRONG?
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